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☐ Provisional Patent Application ☐ PTO Form 1449

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other ____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other ____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☒ Other Accompanying Amendment includes a request for a two-month extension of time.

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